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Amendments to the Claims

Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A pharmaceutical composition which is stable and suitable for oral administration to a patient, comprising a mixture of omeprazole and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, ~~said~~ the carrier comprising at least one water insoluble polymer and at least one water soluble polymer.
2. (Currently Amended) The composition of claim 1 wherein ~~said~~ the water insoluble polymer has vinylpyrrolidone units.
3. (Currently Amended) The composition of claim 2 wherein ~~said~~ the water insoluble polymer is cross-linked polyvinylpyrrolidone.
4. (Cancelled)
5. (Currently Amended) The composition of claim ~~4~~ 1 wherein ~~said~~ the water soluble polymer is polyvinyl pyrrolidone or vinylpyrrolidone-vinyl acetate copolymer.
6. (Currently Amended) ~~The composition of claim 1~~ A pharmaceutical composition which is stable and suitable for oral administration to a patient, comprising a mixture of omeprazole and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, the carrier comprising at least one water insoluble polymer, wherein ~~said~~ the carrier comprises at least about 40% by weight of omeprazole.

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7. (Currently Amended) ~~The composition of claim 1 wherein~~ A pharmaceutical composition which is stable and suitable for oral administration to a patient, comprising a mixture of omeprazole and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, the carrier comprising at least one water insoluble polymer and the said mixture further comprises other pharmaceutically acceptable excipients.
8. (Currently Amended) The composition of claim ~~8~~ 7 wherein ~~said~~ the mixture further comprises a fatty acid glyceride.
9. (Currently Amended) The composition of claim ~~8~~ 7 wherein ~~said~~ the mixture further comprises lubricants, plasticizers, fillers and binders.
10. (Currently Amended) The composition of claim ~~10~~ 9 wherein the lubricants are selected from the group consisting of talc, magnesium stearate, calcium stearate, polyethylene glycol, sodium stearyl fumarate, and mixtures thereof.
11. (Currently Amended) The composition of claim ~~10~~ 9 wherein the plasticizers are selected from the group consisting of triethyl citrate, polyethylene glycol, and mixtures thereof.
12. (Currently Amended) The composition of claim ~~10~~ 9 wherein the binder is selected from the group consisting of polyvinyl pyrrolidone, starch, low viscosity grade hydroxypropyl methylcellulose, hydroxymethyl cellulose, hydroxyethyl cellulose, hydroxypropyl cellulose, and mixtures thereof.

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13. (Currently Amended) The composition of claim ~~10~~ 9 wherein the fillers are selected from the group consisting of lactose, sucrose, mannitol, and microcrystalline cellulose.
14. (Currently Amended) ~~The composition of claim 1~~ A pharmaceutical composition which is stable and suitable for oral administration to a patient, comprising a mixture of omeprazole and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, the carrier comprising at least one water insoluble polymer and the pharmaceutical composition being in the form of a capsule, said the mixture being contained within a capsule shell made from and/or coated with an enteric material.
15. (Currently Amended) The composition of claim 14 wherein ~~said the~~ the mixture contained within ~~said the~~ capsule shell is in the form of a powder blend.
16. (Currently Amended) The composition of claim 14 wherein ~~said the~~ the mixture contained within ~~said~~ capsule shell is in the form of granules.
17. (Cancelled)
18. (Cancelled)
19. (Cancelled)
20. (Original) The composition of claim 1 in the form of a tablet.
21. (Currently Amended) The composition of claim 1 in the form of a bead or a pellet, wherein ~~said the~~ the mixture is coated on a neutral core.

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22. (Currently Amended) The composition of claim 21, wherein ~~said~~ the neutral core has previously been coated with a coating mixture before coating with ~~said~~ the mixture of claim 1.
23. (Currently Amended) ~~The composition of claim 22~~ A pharmaceutical composition which is stable and suitable for oral administration to a patient, comprising a mixture of omeprazole and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, the carrier comprising at least one water insoluble polymer, the composition being in the form of a bead or a pellet, wherein the mixture is coated on a neutral core and the neutral core has previously been coated with a coating mixture before coating with the mixture of omeprazole and pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, wherein said coating mixture ~~may contain~~ contains water soluble or water insoluble polymers optionally with other pharmaceutically acceptable excipients.
24. (Original) The composition of claim 21 wherein neutral core coated with said mixture is further coated with one or more intermediate layers, and an outer enteric layer.
25. (Original) The composition of claim 24 wherein an enteric layer has an enteric polymer.
26. (Original) The composition of claim 24 wherein the intermediate layer(s) may contain water soluble or water insoluble polymers, optionally with other pharmaceutically acceptable excipients.
27. (Currently Amended) A pharmaceutical composition which is stable and suitable for oral administration to a patient, comprising (a) a neutral core coated with a mixture of

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omeprazole and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, said carrier comprising at least one water insoluble polymer, (b) one or more intermediate layer(s), optionally comprising water soluble or insoluble polymers, and (c) an enteric coated layer, wherein the composition is in the form of a bead or a pellet.

28. (Cancelled)

29. (Currently Amended) The composition of claim ~~28~~ 27 wherein the beads or pellets are compressed into tablets or filled in a capsule.

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